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### Federal Funds Available for Transportation Needs

September 2, 2016 (Lincoln, Neb.) — Today, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) announced more than \$40 million of additional funds are available to meet transportation needs across the state in the next three years.

When states do not fully utilize their federal funds in a given year, the Federal Highway Administration traditionally makes those funds available every August to other states which have spent their federal funds. This year, NDOR received an additional \$19 million which will be used on highway preservation. According to NDOR Director Kyle Schneweis, because the NDOR focuses on project delivery and carefully monitors fund balances, the Department has never lost funds to other states through this redistribution process.

More than \$21 million of repurposed earmarked funds is now available to NDOR to use to address current transportation needs. These funds are made available through the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2016. "We're very pleased to be able to use funds today which are left over from completed projects or were unusable," pointed out Schneweis. "I appreciate Congress releasing these funds. It's the common sense thing to do."

Based on specific requirements for use of these funds, NDOR will construct 37 miles of improvements on the following segments:

- L-63A North of Genoa
- 4<sup>th</sup> Corso Viaduct, Nebraska City
- Hwy 1, Murray to the intersection of US-34/75
- Hwy 20, Jackson
- I-80 / 27<sup>th</sup> St. Interchange, Lincoln
- Hwy 64 (Ramblewood St.) to 108<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha
- Hwy 64 Benson to Cuming
- L-28K, Fort St. to 90<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha
- Hwy N-133, West Dodge Road – I-680, Omaha
- Hwy 109 South, Cedar Bluffs
- Hwy 30, Fremont to Arlington

To use these funds, projects must be located within 50 miles of the original earmarked project, let to contract by September 2019 and these funds cannot be applied to other projects in the future.

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